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*Proposed Amendment*

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Attorney Docket No.: CARD-1002US

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Ronald S. Vladyka Jr.	)	Group Art Unit: 1623
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Filed: November 9, 2000	)	
Title: Microcrystalline Cellulose	)	
Cushioning Granules	)	

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR DISCUSSION AT THE PERSONAL INTERVIEW**  
**WITH THE EXAMINER ON AUGUST 29, 2003 AT 3:00 P.M.**  
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Sir:

This is a proposed amendment for discussion at the personal interview with the Examiner on August 29, 2003, at 3:00 p.m.

The proposed amendment to claim 1 is shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this proposed amendment.

Remarks being on page 6 of this proposed amendment.

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